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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR
1.104(e)

Sir:

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated February 27, 2007 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner appear to generalize some of the features of the independent claims. Therefore, the reasons set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons the claims are allowable. The claims may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

With respect to independent Claim 10, the prior art does not teach or suggest a computer-implemented method for applying XML-compatible markup to unstructured textual documents, the method comprising:

defining an XML schema in accordance with which documents are to be marked up;

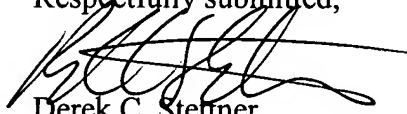
opening a target document in a host Application Programming Interface (API) enabled wordprocessor application configured to store XML-compatible non-native markup in documents;

using an API of the wordprocessor application to parse content included in the target document and to perform element pattern matching to yield inferred XML structure in accordance with the defined XML schema by recognizing instances of designated baseline elements via pattern search and matching and by inferring and constructing higher-level element structure based on the defined XML schema; and

storing the inferred XML structure within the target document as XML-compatible markup via the API of the wordprocessor application.

Dependent claims 12-15 and 17-31 depend from independent Claim 10, and are therefore allowable. In addition, these claims may contain additional patentable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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